

Week Beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Worship Series: #5 in series



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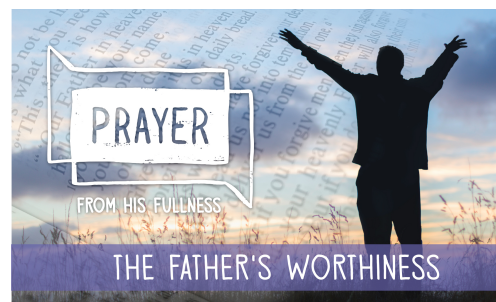
### Theme Verse

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

### Remember This Week

God's worthiness doesn't change. It's eternal. Perfect love, perfect forgiveness, perfect life. All the power of these priceless, 'one of a kind' gifts from your Heavenly Father are yours when you yield your life to his calling and plan. All the glory and honour is his, when the fullness of his life is revealed in and through you.



**Proclaim the power of God,  
whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.  
You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;  
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!**

**Psalms 68:34-35**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, you alone are worthy of our prayer and praise, our thanksgiving and our worship. Grow in our hearts the love of your name, that in every circumstance and minute of life we may treasure and value the fullness of your presence, your power and your glory, which you reveal in and through our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who enables us to declare. Amen. Let it be so.



1. *Share your highs and lows since you last met with one another.*
2. *Share how you went with your living purposefully from last time?*
3. *What words have changed your life in incredible ways or forever?*
4. *If there was one word that you would use to describe who God is, what would you use and why?*
5. *What is one insight/truth that sticks with you from this series that is worth sharing? (ie - what's one thought that has really impacted you or changed the way that you pray the Lord's prayer?)*

Some words can change your life forever: I do. You've got the job. We're pregnant. Blow into the little tube until I say "stop." Those test results don't look good. The last words of the Lord's Prayer...while not part of the original prayer in the Bible...are just as life changing. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen. This final shout of praise and acclamation takes us back to where it began, the Father in heaven who inspires us for living on this earth. Here we surrender our lives to the God who is in control, who has the power to do what he wants and whose power we need for our living. Here we recognise that we are inheritors of the highest gifts of heaven and there is only one whose name is worthy of all the applause and glory we can muster. Here we celebrate the Father's worthiness and make the prayer our own as we say "Amen" – let it all be so.

Read John 17:1-5

6. *If you had to summarise what this passage is about to someone in two sentences or less, what would you say?*
7. *What has God the Father given to Jesus?*
8. *How does this gift from God help us answer the question of who Jesus is?*
9. *How does Jesus define what eternal life is?*
10. *What do you understand by the word 'glory'?*





The basic meaning of the Hebrew word *kabod* translated glory is heavy in weight. The noun *glory* means the weighty importance and shining majesty which accompany God's presence. The verb *glorified* means to give weight to or to give honour to. "To give glory" is to praise, to recognize the importance of another. The Greek word is *doxa*, from which we get the word doxology. When we glorify someone we display their dignity, their worth, their importance, their fame.

11. *In what ways does your life show the importance or weight of God?*

12. *Read 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 - what does it mean that God has called you "into his own kingdom and glory."*

The Doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer mirrors the opening petitions of the Lord's Prayer. We pray, "your kingdom come," and we affirm at the end, "Yours is the kingdom." We pray, "your will be done" and we affirm God has the power to accomplish God's will, "Yours is the power." We pray, "Hallowed be your name," and we affirm, "Yours is the glory." When we pray for God's kingdom to come and proclaim his worth that he does indeed reign over all, we're admitting that we're not self-sufficient. We're not like the child who says, "I do it myself." Rather we surrender our lives, admitting we need help from the only one who can give us the help we need - our Father in heaven. We affirm that there is no-one else worthy who can deliver what he promises. That's why we pray with boldness and confidence to our caring Father, leaving our prayers, our lives and control of the world in his hands. Luther writes:

**This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us.**

**Amen, amen, means "yes, yes, it shall be so.**

*As a LifeGroup write your own song of Doxology:*

Think of mostly two syllable words that describe who Jesus is eg Awesome, faithful. Slot them into the following lines - you can use a one syllable after 'and' or delete the 'and' and use another two syllable word. When you are done, sing your own doxology of praise to God using the tune: "Amazing Grace."

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**"The 'Amen' at the end of the Lord's Prayer is not an afterthought. In a way, it is the most important word in the whole prayer, because it makes the prayer our own." – Philip Ryken**

13. *When we pray "Yours is the kingdom", we are saying "I lay my plans at your feet." When we pray "Yours is the Power", we are saying that we come to God for strength. When we say "Yours in the glory, we are asking that God get all the credit. Which of the three is hardest for you to pray and what is one change that you can make in these next two weeks to let your life boldly proclaim 'Amen' - let it be so?*

- \* Praise God for the awesome Father he is, the one to whom belongs all glory, honour and praise. Thank Jesus for revealing the Father's glory to us. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to live in a way that brings glory to God in all we do, say or think.
- \* Pray that your Amen's would be proclamations of what God has and is doing in your lives, the Church and the world.
- \* Pray for each other and what is needed in your lives that you may glorify the Father in heaven.
- \* Pray for all Christians that there would be a willingness to submit and surrender everything for the kingdom, the power and glory that is given by the Heavenly Father.

Turn to the person next to you and make the sign of the cross on the palm of their hand or forehead as you say:

*Name, may your life proclaim the glory of God's name. Amen.*

